

## Section 8

# Supplemental Environmental Projects Program Conclusions

### 8.1 Completion

Working together with all of the relevant authorities and stakeholders, the City has funded, implemented, and completed the SEPP in accordance with the Compliance Order. The City's obligations are fully met. The City will continue to receive benefits from the programs initiated and implemented through the SEPP into the future.

The SEPP was a cooperative effort between the City of Manchester, NHDES, and the EPA Region I – New England to provide environmental benefits to the people of Manchester in addition to the benefits expected from combined sewer overflow abatement. The SEPP included tasks related to land preservation, storm water controls, streambank stabilization, urban pond restoration, reduction of environmental health risk to children and environmental education. Details of the achievements and benefits of each of these programs were summarized in the foregoing sections of this report.

### 8.2 Benefits

As detailed in the preceding sections, the benefits Manchester has seen from the SEPP are numerous and long term. Both tangible (preserved open space, eighth grade curricula, constructed stormwater and erosion controls) and less tangible (improved understanding and appreciation of the natural environment and greater communication between City departments and outside organizations) will also provide immeasurable benefits in the near and long term for the City.



*At the dedication ceremony for the Manchester Cedar Swamp Preserve on April 25, 2001: Governor Jeanne Shaheen, Daryl Burnnett (Director of TNC-NH), Carl Deloi (EPA), and Mayor Robert Baines*

The SEPP was completed as required and has provided benefits above those anticipated at the project inception.

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**Pond Task:** Jen Drociak, Art Grindle (formerly of Manchester Planning Department), Interns: Kat St. John, Lydia Henry, Emily Welch

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**Dorrs Pond Preservation Society (DPPS):** Members, including Terri Duminsil, Rita Espinosa, Blanche Grondin

**Pine Island Pond Environmental Society (PIPES)** Members, including Merrill Lewis, David Erickson, Carol Lessard, Brendan Daley

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**Trout Unlimited:** Jim MacCartney

**Piscataquog Watershed Association:** Margaret Watkins

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